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Application of Ruman et al.

Serial No. 10/038,796

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For ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD
OF FASTENING THEREOF

February 22, 2002

**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of
Application - Filing Date Granted," dated February 11, 2002,
* enclosed is applicants' signed Declaration and Power of Attorney
* in the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is
* returned herewith.

* Also enclosed is a check in payment of the surcharge.

An assignment by the inventor(s) to Kimberly-Clark
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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